MOTION FOR NOMINATION TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSES ON THE LOKPAL BILL, 1985

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Minister, please move the motion.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): Madam, I move:

> "That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha do appoint two members of Rajya Sabha to the Joint Committee on the Bill to provide for the appointment of a Lokpal to inquire into allegations of corruption against Union Ministers and for matters connected therewith in the vacancies caused by the retirement of Sarvashri Dipen Ghosh and P. Shiv Shanker from the membership of the Rajya Sabha and resolves that Sarvashri Dipen Ghosh and P. Shiv Shanker be appointed to the said Joint Committee to fill the vacancies."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

REFERENCE TO THE LATHI-CHARGE ON PEACEFUL WOMEN DEMONSTRATORS

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, with your kind approval I put on record my strongest condemnation and disapproval of the brutal lathi charge that the Police made on women demonstrators yesterday when they were practising againsst the unprecedented rise in prices in the city of Delhi. The chivalrous police which is totally incapable even to curb lawlessness in the city of Delhi has become so courageous as to beat with lathis our peaceful women demonstrators under the very nose of the Prime Minister. I think this is a very natural expression against the unprecedented price rise. If the Government take recourse to brutal repression against the normal protest demonstrations of the people, I warn the Government that the situation will become very grim not only in the city of Delhi but all over the country. I want a statement from the House Minister who is present in the House.

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY (Assam): Madam, Deputy Chairman, I associate myself with the views expressed by my colleague, Shri Das Gupta. Yesterday, the peaceful demonstration of women against the unprecedented rise in prices was brutally lathi-charged by the police in Delhi. I condemn it in the strongest possible words and demand a statement from the Home Minister. (*Interrupions*).

श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी (मध्य प्रदेश): हम भी इससे अपने आपको सम्बद्ध करते हैं। हम इसकी निन्दा करते हैं।

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY (Karnataka): Yesterday's demonstration was against price rise. After a long time, women and women organisations in Delhi tried to demonstrate and invite the attention of the Government to this important question. Both Houses of Parliament have debated this issue at length, with all concern about it. It was a peaceful demonstration, as I know. There was no provocation at all by the demonstrators. In spite of that, the police have lathi-charged them, beaten them. This is a serious matter, particularly against ladies. Their only purpose was to demonsrtate against rising prices of various essential commodities. Therefore, I would like the Government to assure us that such things would not be repeated. Secondly, I would ask the Government to formulate guidelines for the police when dealing with such situations in future.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी (मध्य प्रदेश): महोदया, दिल्ली की पुलिस लाठी चलाने में माहिर हो गई है। कल उन्होंने दिल्ली की